

## NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

April 22, 2007

### Liaison Committee

Per our efforts described in the last update - to refer the names of neighbors who might be interested and available to serve on the liaison committee, some two dozen names from all four sides of the site, including all those who requested to be included, were referred to the mayor for his consideration.

As of this past Friday, the mayor indicated he was in the midst of contacting potential members. He has not announced any final selection but may do so as early as this coming Monday (tomorrow).

In the meantime, there have been suggestions offered as to how the committee might operate and what the role of the representatives might be.

Marie Franklin suggested the committee might serve as more of an open committee where residents would be free to attend and participate.

Jane Franz had particular recommendations as to the duties of the neighborhood representatives to ensure they were meeting with, and informing, the neighbors they were representing.

Our most recent experience with a liaison committee involving the former Christian Science church (to be sure, an infinitely smaller project) was characterized by the following:

- (a) key personnel, such as the site foreman, were always present;
- (b) the committee was scheduled to meet on a regular basis and also when necessary;
- (c) there was a constant flow of communication; and
- (d) residents freely attended and participated while an orderly and effective process was maintained.

These same objectives were behind us advocating for a liaison committee for this project. As we face the beginning of a three year construction phase, we need to have a committee in place that enables those directly involved with the construction project to provide information to, and receive input from, affected residents on a regularly scheduled basis.

Once the representatives are selected, we intend to call a meeting with them and any interested neighbors to review the role of the representatives. In addition to representatives report to their respective neighborhoods, we also hope that

communication of project developments will be generally available on the city website or otherwise.

Again, as this committee takes form, we will have the opportunity to determine whether it is the most appropriate committee to refer the issues we have been discussing relating to the site plan operation, particularly the site-related traffic and circulation. That particular initiative remains before the Board's Public Facilities Committee.

### Status of the Project

Nick Parnell recently related the following information:

- (a) Dimeo's contract has been executed and they are officially on board.
- (b) Dimeo is currently working with the Design Team developing the Early Site Packages (ESP). This work consists mainly of demolishing the existing stadium and getting the site ready for the buildings foundation.
- (c) The next Design Review Committee meeting is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>.

As Tom Krause pointed out from his review of the plan initially submitted by the construction manager back in February when they were competing for the job, there is much that could have been referred to a liaison committee many moons ago. According to Nick Parnell, the plan by which the construction team intends to approach the construction phasing is presently under review. This plan, including the relocation of on-site parking as well as the access and location of construction equipment, personnel and materials, would seemingly become the first order of business for the liaison committee.

In the meantime, an item will be taken up by the Board to clarify its role in respect to changes of the site plan and design. Following from that item, we intend on docketing an item to amend the city's ordinances as necessary, particularly 5-58.